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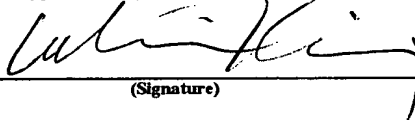
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION
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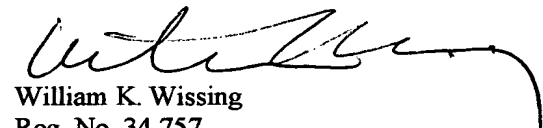
Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003 for three (3) month(s) from November 12, 2003 to February 12, 2004. An Amendment, RCE, and Information Disclosure Statement with Form 1449, including references responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/ETH1554/WKW in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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